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Kirk Mencer

With the beginning of the new, it seems appropriate to consider the state of our hobby. Having an ownership interest in a well established coin shop and being a collector myself, I enjoy the perspective of both the professional and hobbyist.

I believe the hobby is the healthiest it has been in years. The wall street "investment" promotions have run their course. The controversy over slabbing, if not totally settled at least allows collectors to choose between raw or slabbed. The hobby seems to have returned to the collector and informed investor.

However, the collector has changed. He is armed with his gray sheets, population reports, and cherry pickers guide, he is more knowledgeable than ever before, and has higher expectations than before. But he is back. Although, the investor is still a factor I continue to see them being converted from investors to collectors as they become knowledgeable and more appreciative of the non financial aspects of numismatics. Financial considerations often become secondary to the joy of building a collection of coins and knowledge. For the first time in years, "how much will this be worth in five years" is not the primary concern for the majority of buyers.

In short, I believe, with a continuation of the strong economy, 1998 will be a very good year for both coin dealers and collectors.

Since our last issue Lyman Barteo passed away along with Mac Kennady that's two pillars of Texas numismatics we've lost in a short time. They will be sorely missed. It reminds us all of our obligation to interest youth in our hobby. There are some big shoes to fill.

Speaking of the youth, I attended the Greater Houston Coin show the 24th of January. There was Ralph Ross helping the Clements Coin Club youth's set up their exhibits. Ralph Ross is a one man dynamo of youth involvement. We all owe him a debt of gratitude because he is laying the seeds of our hobby's future. I know I collected coins as a youth and quit when I left for school. But seeds well planted won't be denied and I returned to the hobby 20 years later. I expect many of Ralph's disciples will follow the same path.

The long awaited book on Mexican 8 reales entitled Resplendores by TNA life member Mike Dunigan and J B Parker has been released. This book will undoubtedly become the standard reference book of 8 reales. Virtually all coins are photographed. Arranged by date within Mint it provides data on relative rarity, collectible condition and major varieties of nearly 1,000 coins as well as the usual information. This is invaluable information for the collector. And the photos help keep the variety collector's imagination from playing tricks on him. There is no specific pricing data provided, which has a few dealers grumbling, but with J B Parker's collection being auctioned this summer by Superior the prices realized will make a very useful companion to this worthy effort. Priced at \$125.00 this is a must for all serious collectors for Mexican coins.

I hope this encourages previous Texas resident Richard A. Long to complete and publish his long rumored book of Mexican Republic Gold. It too is sorely needed by collectors.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Barbara Lowell

June 1997!

Welcome to members #6032 - 6036 The following applied for membership, this list was inadvertently left out of the membership roster, and is now being updated They became members July 1, 1997

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This year has been great for collectors. The price of silver has been climbing for the last six months and looks like it could reach \$8 per ounce. It has not been this high in many years. For those of you with silver holdings bought at lower prices, you could make some money by selling. On the other hand gold has dropped to all time lows for many many years and now is a great time to buy gold coins and bullion to put away.

Collector coins have been very popular and from what I see at the shows, collectors are finding the coins they want at good prices. I have found some of the older commemorations that have alluded me for awhile. The prices of the current proof sets are at an all time high, selling for prices above the grey sheet because of demand and short supply.

For those of you that have computers I think you will see just about every type of coin being offered on the internet. The auctions are bigger than ever and coins have come on the market that have not been in public view for a long time.

The TNA web page is back up and working for those that tried to pull it up. The company that supplies us with this page had some major problems and had to redo the entire thing. I have been constantly talking with them on the internet, phone, and fax. We have now submitted our page to the top three search engines on the internet, you may type in TNA, Texas Numismatic Association, Hobbies, Coin, Collecting, Currency, to name a few and you should be able to find us without any problem.

We have a great Coins for A's flyer that was posted in the TNA news a couple of issues ago. Please take this flyer and give it to any young numismatist that is interested in free coins for a report card with any A's on it. The Medford's have been working very hard on this program and will make sure that the kids are happy.

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NEWS ITEMS

Gold and Silver Report

In the last few months the price of gold has continues to drop reaching lows not seen for close to a decade. At one point the price per ounce dropped to \$276.00 per ounce and then rebounded for a while around \$288.00. Now it has settled around the \$300.00 per ounce level. This is a very good time to buy gold bullion and common gold coins if you are interested in these items. For those that have been holding gold since 1980 it is going to be a while before you recoup any of your money. Many people see this as a buying opportunity and others see it as a loosing proposition. If you currently are holding gold why not add to it, you seem to like the stuff anyway. Wait for the price to go up some and you will make a profit.

Silver on the other hand has been going up for the last six months. The price was as low as \$4.00 per ounce and now is over \$7.00 per ounce. Again this is a far cry from the price in 1980 of \$52.00 per ounce, but that was a different situation. This is the highest this metal has been since that time. There are a number of people cashing in on the high price and selling off their holdings. Others like investor Warren Buffett have been buying silver for the last six months and have done very nicely with it. Mr. Buffett has bought 130 million ounces of silver worth over \$800 million. With the price rising the way it has he had profited around \$130 million and his holdings are now worth \$930 million, but he is still buying.

There is speculation that silver will not drop back down any time soon because the demand is 30% higher than the supply. The yearly average demand runs normally 10% higher than supply. Now may be the time to invest in silver or silver coins. The American silver eagles in UNC are now selling from the supply companies to dealers for about \$9.00. This is a billion coin that was selling for \$6.25 just eight weeks ago. Both of these markets are speculative and can either help you or hurt you depending on what you do, and how the market does.

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The foundation announced in early February, 1996, the availability of a set of electronic indexes for numismatists, which can be downloaded through the Internet. Called NIP, for the "Numismatic Indexes Project," these eleven indexes provide any student or researcher an instantaneous way of locating what the scholarship of the past century has produced in major American numismatic periodicals. Also being added are the complete text of past issues of the American Numismatic Society's "Numismatic Literature" which provides numismatic citations and abstracts from the last fifty years.

The eleven indexes cover a wide range of numismatic scholarship over many decades. From the American Numismatic Society they include American Journal of Numismatics 1866-1924, Museum Notes 1945-1988, American Journal of Numismatics, Second Series, 1989-1997, Coinage of the Americas Conference (COAC) 1984-1997, Numismatic Notes and Monographs 1921-1968, ANS Proceedings 1878-1914. Five other periodicals are also included in NIP. The Numismatist 1888-1997 (ANA), Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine 1935-1975 (Coin World), Numismatic Review 1943-1947 (Stack's), Coin Collector's Journal, 1875-1888, and Coin Collector's Journal, New Series 1934-1954. For information on searching them, go to the Internet address

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The Foundation presently owns over eight hundred items which will be of significant interest to the scholar and student of United States Numismatics. The present collection consists of over two hundred fifty different specimens of large size U.S. paper currency, together with over five hundred United States pattern, experimental and trial pieces. The currency covers the period from the inception of U.S. currency at the beginning of the Civil War to the time it was withdrawn from circulation during the 1920's, at which time it was replaced by smaller bills.

The "Pattern" collection consists of an outstanding representation of this area of Numismatics which is so important to the researcher for a full understanding of the evolution of American coinage. Many specimens are quite rare, and all are in exemplary condition.

Persons interested in examining portions of the collections in pursuit of their numismatic research endeavors should contact the Research Foundation office at 8333 Douglas Ave., Suite 1400, Dallas, Texas, 75225, during normal office hours. Or, one may call (214) 696-0584 for more information.

An Inside Look at A Historic Currency Auction

by Gayle K. Pike

The J.L. Irish Collection of National Bank Notes was sold recently in Dallas Texas. J.L. Irish began collecting National Bank Notes as both a hobby and investment. He amassed an amazing collection of over 2,000 notes. He acquired more Texas Nationals than others such as Amon Carter, who had started before him. J.L.'s son, Mike Irish made note in the introduction to the auction catalogue that it was with "a great deal of pride" and "a little sadness" that the children of J.L. Irish had chosen to "put these notes into the hands of other collectors so that they may be enjoyed."

Lyn F. Knight, Inc. was the auction company chosen by the Irish family. It was decided that the Texas National Bank Notes should be sold in Texas. With that decision a historic event was created. The second session which was held on Saturday night August 16th featured over 1300 lots of Texas National Bank Notes. This was the greatest number of National Bank Notes on a single state to be sold at one time. The following are observations from someone privileged to be at the sale.

As the five O'clock starting hour nears Lyn Knight can be seen conferring with the auctioneer giving last minute instructions, as the bidders fill the room. It's a full house. The room is full of new faces. It's an auction for everyone and it is surprising to see the number of families. A mother sits swaying from side to side as she holds a small child only minutes away from sleep. Her husband bids cautiously on several lots.

Dealers dwindle in after closing their bourse tables and take their place among the many collectors. The atmosphere is thick with tension from serious collectors and yet a bit of carnival atmosphere prevails with the realization by many of how historic this event will become to Texas currency collectors.

A lady sits quietly reading a book as her husband follows bids in his catalogue. Another lady does needlework as her husband bids actively on a number of lots. A child snores quietly asleep on her mother's shoulder as dealer Dave Koble casts a smile between bids.

The auctioneer moves at a clipping pace with his distinctive southern drawl. One dealer comments "it's amazing" when referring to the prices after only two dozen or so lots have been hammered down. A large size Beaumont, Texas brings \$2,000 more than the top estimate as all heads turn to the back of the room to search for the winning bidder.

A bidder holds his young son on his lap who watches in awe as his father makes notes in his catalogue and occasionally raises his card to bid. Another serious bidder wearing a traditional Texas cowboy hat consults the Kelly book as he considers his bids. A choice note has rival Texas dealers Steve Ivy and Johnny Rowe in a bidding war.

Some of the prominent dealers who are usually heavy buyers at currency auctions are outbid by collectors. Their work is cut out for them on this evening. Many are acting as agents bidding for customers. Many have several different bidder numbers. They are the eyes of their customers who are not in attendance. If they do not win the lot they will not be paid for their work.

There is a quiet chuckle as one dealer asks what the bid is and ups the book bid by \$10.00 to win the lot. The auctioneer gets a laugh as another dealer wanting to make sure his bid is seen attempts to up his own bid. "Your turn again" chanted by the auctioneer helps a timid bidder win the lot.

One dealer is belligerent that his bid is missed by the auctioneer. Begrudgingly he bids higher to get the lot. For the most part there are many good friends bidding against each other with no malice. A whoop is heard by a successful bidder.

At 6:45 a few places have cleared out. It's hard to believe that almost 2 hours have already passed. The pace slows down and then steps back up. There are a number of people in the lobby. Most are waiting for lots they wish to bid on to come up. There is much talk about the strong prices. One dealer comments that the prices of most second charters are going to the moon.

A collector sits with his arm around his wife as he bids \$9,000 for a note. A smile passes between them when his bid is successful. The other end of the scales has a \$14.00 bid from the book. Ever vigilant Ed Rothberg quickly bids \$15.00. This brings a laugh from the audience.

Although at 8:00 it is still early I see soft drinks being replaced by coffee. There is still a long way to go. While bidders get a break between the lots of their choice, unfortunately the auctioneer does not. Lyn Knight keeps a smile as he calls out the book or mail bids. A slight snafu in the book work has the auctioneer offering to exchange jobs with him.

There is both joy and heartache as a collector bids on a note he desperately wants and is outbid. You can see the pained look on his face as he lowers his card defeated. He bites his lower lip in disappointment and goes back into deep concentration waiting for his next chance to get a much needed lot.

Dealers acting as an agent for customers shake their heads at some of the bids they have been given to execute. They know to get paid they must win the lots and bids from customers needing a reality check are a waste of time for the agent.

A young girl of 2 fresh from a nap is ready to bid as she waves her hand in the air. However bright orange bidder cars bring assurance that a scratch of the head will not leave you \$5,000 in debt.

There is a short break around 9:15. Light refreshments are served along with plenty of strong coffee. There is a steady stream to the rest room including the ladies room which is unusual. This auction has a great deal of women in attendance. The break is all too short but there are still many lots to go. After the break the room is about two thirds full and still heavily filled with collectors.

My maiden name is Kemp so I have an interest in the Kemp, Texas notes. It would be a great birthday gift for my mom. The large size opens at \$600.00 and brings \$2,000.00. The small opens at \$225 and brings \$750. Both bring well over the book estimate and neither will go home with me. My mom will just have to settle for a box of candy.

A gentleman on the first row is determined to win a number of lots. For six lots in a row his card went up and never went down until he was the owner. He then left with a broad grin of accomplishment.

Some lots are lost with a simple shrug of the shoulder and others rather angrily. The mistakes are surprisingly few for the figures being thrown about.

At 10:30 I am starting to get sleepy and there are 400 more lots to go. After 5 1/2 hours glued to the same spot I wonder how Lynn looks so alert. I also wonder if the auctioneer can see my drooping eye lids. By 11:45 there is a lot of yawning all around the room. Strong coffee keeps others fortified. I am not a coffee drinker but tonight I make an exception. There are quite a few people in the foyer discussing the one that got away over coffee. I quickly down not one but 2 cups and go back for the last 200 lots.

The auctioneer stifles a yawn at the stroke of midnight. Another at 12:30 brings a laugh from the audience. It has now been 8 hours with only a 15 minute break. A definite love of currency, its beauty and its history has drawn these people together. When the hammer falls on the last lot of this historic sale there are still 39 dedicated collectors and dealers in the room and one very sleepy writer.

Gayle K. Pike owns Coin Castle Rare Coins and Jewelry in Memphis, TN. She is president of the Tennessee State Numismatic Society and a former President and member of Women in Numismatics. She is a life member of TNA, ANA and several other Numismatic Organizations including NIG.



Lynn Knight Hal Hunt Auctioneer



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TREASURE OF XERXES HUGE HOARD OF SILVER BURIED CIRCA 450 BC

And now, as he looked and saw the whole Hellespont covered with the vessels of his fleet and all the shore and every plain about Abydos as full as possible of men, Xerxes congratulated himself upon his good fortune, but after a little while he wept. His uncle Artabanus, who was with him at the time, asked about this strange expression of contradictory feelings. "I was thinking," Xerxes replied, "and it came into my mind how pitifully short human life is."

Herodotus VII. 45-46

This moment in history described by the ancient historian Herodotus was perhaps one of the greatest military undertakings in history given the current technology. The accounts relate that the great Persian king Xerxes amassed an army of 1,700,000 men for his invasion of Greece in 480 BC. An entire city was needed to feed the army just two meals, and an entire river ran dry when they drank. And huge quantities of silver coins were struck to finance the massive military payroll and all the expenses of huge military operations. The Hellespont was the water way at least a mile wide connecting the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea and separating Europe from Asia Minor. In order to move his vast army Xerxes commanded his engineers, mostly Phoenicians and Egyptians, to build a bridge. To do this 674 ships were tied together in a double row and planks were laid over the decks. The planks were covered with brushwood and dirt to create a road. Xerxes invaded Greece and very nearly succeeded in conquering the civilized world.

As the Persians moved through northern Greece they were met at the pass of Thermopylae, where the 300 Spartans led by Leonidas fought to the last man, and successfully delayed the Persian advance long enough for the Greek cities to prepare. Although Xerxes captured Athens, the Athenians had fled with their fleet to the nearby island of Salamis where the Persian fleet was defeated by the more experienced Athenian navy. The army of the allied Greek city-states, led by Spartans was able to defeat the Persian army at Plataea in 479 BC and effectively ended Xerxes attempted conquest of Greece.

Xerxes is long dead, and his observations on the brevity of human existence still applies today, even though we average more than twice the usual life span of the ancients. By collecting, studying and handling the coins of the ancients our human experience can be greatly enhanced. In our hands we have relics of great kings who commanded huge armies to conquer kingdoms now vanished. These huge treasures of precious metals that are now unearthed from the paths of these ancient armies are sometimes the only tangible links that we have. Now you can expand your horizons to the Fifth Century BC with a modest contribution to the Jonathan K. Kern Co.



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The Great King is shown holding a spear and a bow on the sigloi attributed to the Asia Minor mint of Sardis, in Lydia and a bow and a dagger on the other type which is possibly all from a different mint further south. Frequently they are countermarked with tiny punches by merchants or bankers, possibly to attest to the quality of the silver. We can sell either type in a nice fine grade for \$37 each, a nice very fine for \$77 each or a nice extremely fine for \$277 each. The raised obverse always grades much less than the incused reverse so our nice fine will usually have an extremely fine reverse.



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\$10 REFUNDING CERTIFICATES OF 1879

by Frank Clark

When I was first introduced to US currency, one type of note in particular caught my attention - \$10 Refunding Certificates of 1879. They were of an odd shape (6.5x3.5) and accrued interest. I found them to be very interesting, historical and different.

The Congressional Act of February 26, 1879 created this type of currency and all notes are dated April 1, 1879. The above act was passed to make government securities popular and within the pocketbook of the average citizen. They were convertible, with accrued interest, into 4 percent bonds when presented at the office of the Treasurer of the United States in sums of \$50.00 or multiples thereof. They were not completely successful in reaching the general populace, as most Refunding Certificates were held by national banks.

The Act provided for only \$10 Refunding Certificates and they accrued interest at 4 percent per year indefinitely. These were their major benefits - a low denomination and indefinite interest. However, Congress curtailed the interest on these certificates as of July 1, 1907. As of this date, the interest alone amounted to \$11.30. The certificates are still legal tender today to the tune of \$21.30.

There were two types of Refunding Certificates. The first type bore on the face the name of the person to whom the note was issued and required the endorsement of the owner in the presence of a witness on the back - payable to order. The second was a general certification that ten dollars had been deposited and required no endorsement payable to the bearer.

Both types have a portrait of Benjamin Franklin in the upper left corner of the face. This engraving is based on the painting by James Barton Longacre. Both have red Treasury seals, but the first type's seal has rays and the second type's seal is scalloped. Other face differences of the types are that the first type has a thin pomme cross used as a printer's embellishment mark at the end of the serial number and the second type has a much thicker formee cross for that purpose. Also, in the upper two corners, there are differences in the uses or non-uses of "x", "10", and "TEN". Both types have the signatures of Jas. G. Gillfillan, Treasurer of the United States and G. W. Scofield, Register of the Treasury.

The backs of the two types are entirely different with the first type's back being an assignment form for conversion of the certificate into a four percent bond. The second type's back shows a large "TEN" at upper center, plus an interest table (see illustration). Both backs are printed in black.

The first type is extremely rare. Only 5,850 were issued and only two notes are outstanding and they are known. They are

A287 - Harry W. Bass, Jr. Research Foundation

A3793 - Bureau of the Public Debt, cancelled with two large corners missing

The second type had 3,995,425 notes issued. Eight hundred are outstanding. There are over one hundred known serial numbers which range from A500 - A3996892. This would indicate that there were more certificates printed than issued with some serial numbers being skipped.

Refunding Certificates are very popular with type collectors. Circulated examples can be obtained in the \$800 - \$1200 range. They are a worthwhile addition to any collection of paper money.

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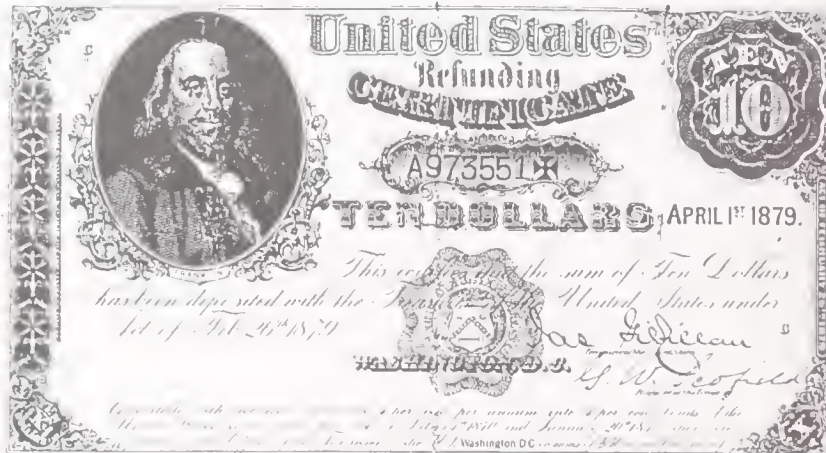
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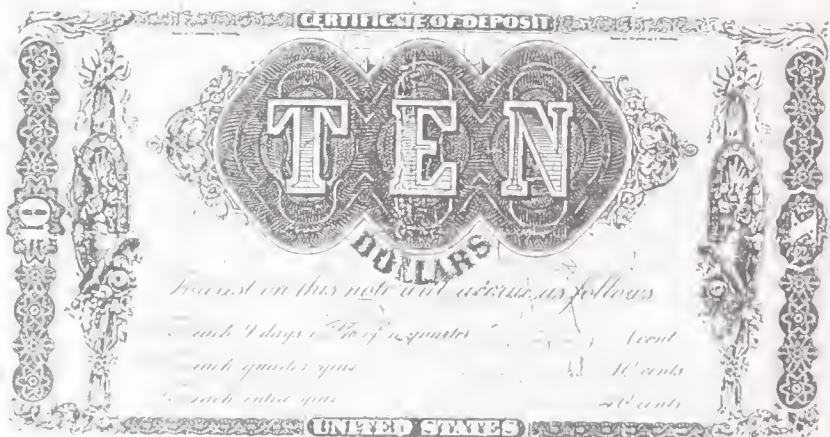
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COINS FOR A's

Jim and Barbara Medford

Since this seems to be the time for mid-year reports, herewith is one for the TNA Coins for A's program since we took it over last September.

We have received requests from 39 students for coins, and have sent out 50 packages. Obviously, some of these students have been sending repeat requests, i.e., following each six weeks or quarter. Others have sent requests in only at the end of a semester. Either is fine, we try to be more generous if the period covered is longer or there are more A's during the period. So far as we know, all the coins we have sent out have arrived—we've had no complaints. We are always anxious to hear if anyone knows of a young person who has sent in his or her grades and not received coins back from us.

During that same period, the program has received more than \$175 in donations and nearly 1000 coins and notes for distribution! This generosity on the part of collectors is simply overwhelming and if the program is a success, it will be thanks to them. In response to our comments that we had many requests for U.S. coins, several people (listed below) sent us large donations.

Since our last report, we have received a \$100 donation from the Fort Worth Coin Club. As this was in the form of cash, we are utilizing it for postage and coin purchases, when necessary, and will report our expenses directly to that club. We have submitted, and been reimbursed by TNA for \$128.97 in expenses. These expenses included purchase of a case of bubble-pack envelopes for mailing coins and postage. Several members of the South Plains Coin Club—Lamonte Pitzer, B.L. Cave, Dick and Sharron Rice, Herman Jacobs, and James Golden—were responsible for the bulk of the U.S. coins received recently. Ben Hong of the Dallas Coin Club sent us several Spanish and Australian coins.

Although the volume has picked up in the last few weeks, we are still looking for more young people interested in participating in this program. We have just received our first out-of-state request, from Garden City, Kansas. Please pass the word around, not only in your clubs but in the coin shops in your area and ask students or teachers in your local schools to do the same.

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	<u>Dec. '97</u>	<u>Mar-Dec '97</u>
INCOME:		
Contributions Income		
Coins for A's	0 00	115 00
General	0 00	565 50
Mac Kennady Memorial	50 00	270 00
Youth Fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>105.00</u>
Total Contributions Income	50.00	1,055.50
Interest Income		
Interest Income	4 63	823 44
Membership Dues	252 00	4,405 75
News Letter Advertising	0 00	2,613 00
Rental of Showcases	0 00	500 00
Sale of Medals	0 00	4,792 82
Sale of Showcases	0 00	2,100 00
TNA Coin Show	<u>0.00</u>	<u>7,269.09</u>
Total Income	306.63	23,559.60
EXPENSES:		
Clements Youth Activities	0 00	500 00
Coins for A's non Coin Expense	0 00	128 97
General		
Awards	0 00	807 50
Elongated Cents	0 00	953 00
Insurance	0 00	100 00
Office Supplies	<u>0.00</u>	<u>417.00</u>
Total General	0 00	2,277 50
Medal Officer		
Cost of Medals	0 00	2,702 59
Medal Officer-Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>276.86</u>
Total Medal Officer	0 00	2,979 45
Move Showcases	0 00	1,010 29
Office of the Editor		
Internet-Setup	0 00	100 00
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Office of the Editor-Stipend	350 00	1,750 00
Printing and Reproduction	<u>1,021.89</u>	<u>5,037.71</u>
Total Office of the Editor	1,804 78	8,392 81

Office of the President	0 00	139 75
Office of the Secretary		
Office of the Secretary-Postage	0 00	90 72
Office of the Secretary-Other	0 00	200 23
Office of the Secretary-Stipend	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,508.30</u>
Total Office of the Secretary	0 00	2,799 25
Office of the Treasurer	<u>0.00</u>	<u>61.63</u>
Total Expense	<u>1,604.78</u>	<u>18,289.65</u>
<u>Net Income</u>	<u>(1,298.15)</u>	<u>5,269.95</u>

Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 1997

CURRENT ASSETS:

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Clear Lake Nat'l Bank	16,861 97
Hill Country Bank Austin	
Coins for A's-CLNB	544 34
ANA Jr Seminar Fund	1,268 25
Memorial Library Fund-CLNB	707 58
Hill Country Bank-Austin-Other	<u>10.78</u>
Total Hill Country Bank	<u>2,566.45</u>
<u>Total Checking/ Saving</u>	<u>19,428.42</u>

Other Current Assets

CD-Clear Lake National Bank	10,775 75
CD-Life Membership-CLNB	11,218 33
Total Other Current Assets	<u>21,994.08</u>
<u>Total Current Assets</u>	<u>41,422.50</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>41,422.50</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY:

Unrestricted Fund Balance	36,152 55
Net Income (loss)	<u>5,269.95</u>
Total Equity	<u>41,422.50</u>
<u>Total Liabilities & Equity</u>	<u>41,422.50</u>

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Feb. 20-22**El Paso, TX****65 Tables**

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Feb. 21**Pharr, TX****50 Tables**

10th Annual Coin and Collectible Show sponsored by the Hildago Coin Club of the Rio Grand Valley. Pharr Civic Center, 1011 W Kelly. Contact: Mike DiGennaro, PO Box 1028, Pharr, TX 78577. Ph: (956) 425-384

March 14-15**Orange, TX****30 Tables**

Greater Orange Coin Show, Sponsored by the Greater Orange Coin Club. Ramada Inn 2610 W I-10, Orange. Contact: Dewey Scott, PO Box 1324, Orange, TX 77630. Ph: (409) 883-6388

March 21-22**Lubbock, TX****75 Tables**

38th Annual Coin & Sports Card Show, Sponsored by the South Plains Coin Club. Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501-6th St. Contact: PO Box 6326, Lubbock, TX 79493. Ph: Sharron Rice (806) 796-1883 or (806) 792-0428

April 4**McKinney****32 Tables**

Semi-Annual Coin Show Sponsored by the Collin County Coin Club. Holiday Inn, 1300 N. Central Expy., Hwy. 75 North Exit 40-B, McKinney, TX. Contact: Gary Rollins, P.O. Box 744, McKinney, TX 75070-0744. Ph: (972) 727-1566. **New location!**

April 10-11**Arlington, TX****49 Tables**

Dallas/Mid-Cities Coin Show, Sponsored by the Dallas and Mid-Cities Coin Clubs. La Quinta Inn - Conference Center, 825 N. Watson Rd., (I-30 at SH-360), Arlington, TX. Contact: Gary Hill - Metro (972) 263-7334

April 18**Austin, TX****35 Tables**

Central Texas Coin, Stamp, and Sports Card Show. Quality Inn - South, 2200 S. IN-35 at Oltorf. Contact: Francis Smith (512) 448-6372

May 2-3 **Waco, TX** **70 Tables**
Annual Waco Coin & Stamp Show, sponsored by the Waco Coin Club
Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Ave., Waco, TX
Contact Hugh Smith, (254) 778-3625

May 9 **San Antonio, TX** **30 Tables**
San Antonio Coin Show, Sponsored by the Gateway Coin Club
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Aug. 8,9 **Amarillo Civic Center** **108 Tables**
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Aug. 8,9 **Fort Worth, TX** **65 Tables**
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Aug. 29 **San Antonio, TX** **50 Tables**
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Paso, Inc Quality Inn Airport, 6201 Gateway West at Geronimo, El
Paso, TX Contact John Grost, PO Box 3535, El Paso, TX 79923
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Sept. 11-13 **Plano, TX** **45 Tables**
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Oct. 17 **Austin, TX** **35 Tables**
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Oct. 30, 31, Nov. 1 **Fort Worth, TX** **57 Tables**
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Nov. 14 **San Antonio, TX** **31 Tables**
Alamo Coin Show, Sponsored by the Alamo Coin Club
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TEXAS

District Meetings



DISTRICT I

Mid-Cities Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The Oct. meeting was attended by 30 members and guests. The Nov. program will be the Bourse night for members to buy and sell coins from each other. Gary Hill distributed the raffle tickets for the coin show on April 10-11. The tickets are \$1 and the buyer has a chance to win a 1/2, 1/4, or 1/10 ounce gold coin. The members nominated for officer positions are: President - Jim Waite & Karim Adkins, Vice President - Jim Fitzgerald, Treasurer - Debbie Williams, Corresponding Secretary - Mike Grant & Kim Groves, Recording Secretary - Karim Adkins, Lottery Chairperson - Jim Waite, Gary Hill & Jim Fitzgerald. The Christmas party is scheduled for Sat. Dec. 6th. The members that are TNA members noticed a number of our club members had their pictures in the latest TNA News as award winners, and Jim & Barbara Medford were taking charge of the Coins for A's program.

Nov. was the bourse night with 24 members and guests present. The December program will be presented by James Wiles, Ph.D. His program will be on die varieties and errors in variety. Dr. Wiles authored the Error Index, The Official CONECA Doubled Die Master Listing, and the Modern Minting Process and U.S. Minting Error and Varieties, an ANA Correspondence Course. He has also written "CONECA Attribution Guide to Eisenhower Dollar Die Varieties." The field trip to the Citizen's National Bank of Waxahachie went very well with the report that the bank has an incredible collection of gold and notes.

The Mid-Cities Coin Club meets the 1st Tuesday of each month, at the California Lane Church of Christ in Arlington, at 6:30pm.

--Bob Millard, Corresponding Secretary

Fort Worth Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The October program was a Bourse Night for all members that wanted to set up at tables with cases and coins to show and sell. There were 36 members and guests present for this event. The November program will be presented by Jim Howard. TNA Governor Russell Prinzinger is in the midst of a research project on Liberty Seated Half Dollars, and would like to see any coins that members might have.

The TNA Coins for A's program is in need of donations for those members that would like to help this worthy cause. Several Ft. Worth club members were pictured in the Aug./Sept. issue of the TNA. These members were down in Houston for the TNA show and a number of them received awards. The Annual Christmas dinner will be on Dec. 4th.

The Fort Worth Coin Club meets the 1st Thursday of each month at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens, at 7:00pm.

--**Bob Millard, Treasurer; Russell Prinzing, Dist. Governor**

DISTRICT III

Key City Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

There were 21 members and guests present at the November meeting. Ron Pippens won the door prize but was not present so the amount will increase for next month. Frances Thornton reserved the Quality Inn for the Christmas Party. Bob Kirkley gave a report on the Oct. 11th show, it was a good show and with about 40 dealers present and made some money. The elected officials are: President - Randal Thornton; First Vice President - Jim Sanders; Second Vice President - Bob Kirkley; Refreshment Person Marlu Megginson. Jim Barnett won the donation prize. The club voted to discontinue the Camolot Coverage on the internet.

The Key City Coin Club meets the 1st Thursday of each month, at the Rose Park Senior Citizens Bldg., Abilene.

--**Bob Kirkley, Secretary/Treasurer**

San Angelo Coin club, (Club Newsletter)

The Dec. meeting will have a free trading for everyone to buy, sell, or trade. The Christmas dinner will follow this and will be \$8.50 per person, which the club will pay. The awards will follow dinner and then Luis Reyes will talk to the members. Following this will be the auction and raffle of a gold coin. Twenty-five members and guests attended the Dec. meeting. The award winners were Bob Bills overall help to the hobby, Don Smith overall help to the show, and Rex McGone best auctioneer. The gift winners were Maurice Walters B.U. gold coin, Travis Strother B.U. Morgan dollar, and Jim Little, Buddy, Bob Bills, Louis Reyes.

The San Angelo Coin Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month, at La Casa Bianca Restaurant, at 7:00pm.

--**Luis F. Reyes**

DISTRICT IV

Williamson County Coin Club, (Club Minutes)

The Nov. 6th meeting was called to order with 7 members in attendance. The Short-shorter note was passed around for all to sign. This is the club's 17th consecutive month.

The Copeland Inn is the place recommended for the Christmas dinner at 7:30pm. The 1998 officers are: President - Jerry Kammer, Vice President - Steve Layokis, Sergeant at Arms - Palmer Midgett, Secretary - Jeffrey Meyer and Treasurer - Rod Sherva. There was a discussion on the TNA awards and if Jr. member Erin Davis qualified and could be nominated. The Jan. meeting will be on Jan. 8th because the first meeting would fall on New Year's day. The Williamson County C.C. meets the 1st Thurs. of each month, at 7:00pm.
--Jeffrey Meyer, Secretary



DISTRICT V

Dallas Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The club had 27 members and guests present at the Dec. 11th meeting. Mike Grant swore in the new officers for 1998: President - Hal Cherry, Vice President - Lawrence Herrera, Secretary/Treasurer - Frank Clark III. Ben Hong is the refreshment chairman for the first quarter of 1998. The program consisted of the Christmas dinner and bingo game. Bailey's Barbeque supplied the buffet. Some of the winners in the Bingo game won gold coins and other nice numismatic items. The White Elephant auction had everything from soap to a wreath made of money.

The Dallas Coin Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Dallas International Center (Preston Center) in Dallas, at 7:30pm.

--Mike Grant, Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT VI

Bellaire Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)



President Jim Bevill called the Dec. 1st meeting to order with 26 members present. Jim Bevill reported on the Pasadena Coin show on Nov. 21st. Jim Bevill and Ed Stephens reminded the club about the Christmas dinner with the Greater Houston Coin Club, on Dec. 8th at the Hyatt Regency. The Jan. program will be the "American Numismatic Association Grading Course". Ron Miller told everyone that the Union Pacific Museum, in Omaha, Nebraska, will have a numismatic display during the month of March. Members discussed the 1998 Bellaire Coin Show. The program by Louis Whitaker was on "Love Tokens".

At the Dec. 15th meeting there were 28 members and guests. Bill Hooven stated he is stopping the monthly one-day shows. Ralph Ross was welcomed to the meeting and Clark Samelson showed a "Year in Review" article about Ralph, in the Numismatic News. The program was on "The Comeback of the Duce (\$2 Bills)", by Ralph Ross. The club had a graph showing the number of paid members in 1996 vs. 1997. The 1997 year was a good year for membership with a total of 135 paid members up significantly from 1996. Jim Bevill works for Merrill Lynch and is organizing free speakers to groups in the Houston area on many financial topics; call him at (713) 993-1505 or Email to james_bevill@ml.com.

The Bellaire Coin Club meets the first and third Mondays of each month at the Bellaire Public Library, at 7:00pm.

--Michael Wolford, Club Editor

Clements Coin Club, (The C-Cubed)



In the Nov. 6th issue is a list of the officers: President - Bhavin Shah, Vice President - Stephanie Lo, Secretary - Chesca Alquiros, Treasurer - Shalin Shah, Editor - Gina Yui, Historian - Jason Ross, Sargeant-at-arms - Sutin Yang. There is a coin club party on Nov. 14th with the club paying for dinner. There is a chart showing the striking of a coin, sent from the bureau of the mint. The members must score points to get to go to the Florida FUN show and must have a total of 70 points, according to Sutin Yang. There is an example of the three Kennedy half dollars and an article on them.

The Nov. 13th issue there is an article from President Bhavin Shah, and some humorous numismatic cartoons. There is also an application for the Florida Junior Numismatists assoc.

The Cover of the Nov. 20 issue depicts the Morgan silver dollar, showing the obverse and the reverse. President Bhavin Shah invites everyone to join the Young Numismatist Association. He also reminds everyone that there is a coin auction on Dec. 19th after semester exams. Donation days are Sat. and Sun, Nov. 23-24. The members go to different stores in the area and ask for donations to help the club members go to the FUN show. Steven Roach writes a good article on "Nero: Portrait of an Artist/Emperor". There is a report on the fun everyone had at the party on Nov. 14th. Howie Rogers wrote an article on "Preserving and Cleaning Coins".

The Clements Coin Club is our young numismatists club from Clements High School in Sugarland, Texas, also the largest YN Coin Club in the Country.

--Sini Jacob, Club Secretary

Greater Houston Coin Club, (Double Shift)

At the Oct. 16th meeting there were 27 members. Francis Townsend reported that 52 tables were reserved to the upcoming show. There were five applications for membership the club will vote on in the Nov. meeting. Stan Garczynski provided a historical slide presentation on "How German Enigma Army Code Was Solved by the Allies in World War II". The Club Christmas party will be on December 8th with the Bellaire Coin Club, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Over 90 members and guests attended the Dec. 8th Christmas dinner. Jim Bevill, President of the Bellaire Coin Club, and A J Fickessen, GHCC Treasurer, opened the activities. Stan Garczynski distributed Certificates of Appreciation to many members for their dedicated work in 1997. Kara Kennan, talented solo singer, led a sing along with all persons in attendance. A J Fickessen held the Bingo game for everyone and the club had over 10 winners. Special thanks to John Evans, A J Fickessen, Jim Klodosky, and Stan Garczynski for the organization of this event.

The Greater Houston Coin Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at Buffet Express, at 7:30pm.

--Stan Garczynski, Vice President

Pasadena Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

At the Oct 13th meeting there were 36 members and guests. The Christmas Dinner is scheduled for Dec 1st at the Webster Presbyterian Church. The November meetings will be the 10th and 24th.

The Oct 27th meeting was attended by 43 members and guests. Luke Richards from the Federal Reserve will speak to the club on Nov 10th. The Nov 10th meeting will be at the same location but the restaurant will close at 7 00pm for renovations. The Pasadena Coin Show is Nov 21-23. Volunteers are needed to man tables and help with set up and take down. The Pasadena Coin Club Coins for A's program is starting up again with the start of school. Five new applications were voted on and approved. The club received a letter from Ralph Ross requesting donations for the Clements Coin Club for help send the junior members to the FUN show in Florida.

The Pasadena Coin Club meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at the Golden Corral Restaurant, at 7 00pm.

--Annette Bing, Club Secretary

DISTRICT VII

Alamo Coin Club, (The Alamo News)



At the Nov 13th meeting there were 19 members and guests present. The coin show report showed that the volunteer assignments were the same as the August show. All tables have been sold and there is a waiting list. The 1998 Show will be August 29 with 45 tables at the Live Oak mall hall, and Nov 14th back in the Rocket Room with 31 tables. The Christmas party will be on Dec 11th with a gift exchange and Numismatic Trivia program and raffle. Dinner will start at 6 30pm. Some items brought to the meeting are, a non-dated Colonial two headed Washington piece, a 1974 British Virgin Islands proof set, three 1997 sets from the UK, Hong Kong, and Canada, 1980 Bahamas \$10 Proof Crown. Harold E gave the program on the rebuilt "Plymouth" plantation and Mayflower, as background information for the story of the Puritans who became the first successful English settlers in the American Colonies. The Pilgrim Tercentenary Half Dollar was issued in 1920 & 21 to celebrate the occasion.

Twenty-two members and guests were at the Dec 11th meeting. The Dec 6th show was successful and the club made a profit. The gift exchange game was active and several numismatic gifts changed hands frequently. The Coin World Trivia game pitted one table against another and was very lively. Some items brought to the meeting were, a 1954P quarter with a die break, a Greek Stater of Athens, 350-300 BC, an 1863 9cent fractional bill.

The Alamo Coin Club meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at the Maverick Cafe at 7 00pm.

--Harold Eiserloh, Club Editor

Gateway Coin Club, (The Gatepost)



The Sept 4th meeting opened with 26 members and guests present. The attendance prize went to Bucky Densford and a special drawing prize went to junior member Aaron Jones. The nominating committee recommended that the current officers serve another term, the club members accepted this motion. Some items brought to the meeting include a 1922D cent, a 1 and 10 cent token from Ft. Clark post canteen, a Feltland coin, a 1934c \$10 bill, an UNC 1864 German taler from Frankfurt, two 1997D cents first strike semi-proof, a P&G aluminum store coupon. Claude Proulx from Canada sent coins to all members celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary in August.

At the Sept 18th meeting there were 41 members and guests in attendance for the 1997 Fall Fiesta in celebration of the Club's 35th Anniversary and installation of club officers at Tomatillos Restaurant. The invocation was given by Ed Witt. S.O. Smith won the attendance prize. Eric Burke received the Special Drawing for juniors prize. President Frank Galindo gave the awards to club members. Following the awards ceremony Frank Galindo conducted the officers installation.

Twenty-eight members and guests attended the Oct 2nd meeting. Eric and Nicholas Burke received the special drawing prizes for juniors. Items brought to this meeting include, a 1994 mint set, a token catalog, with tokens of 1700-1900, a 1936 Texas Centennial token, notes featuring members of the cat family. There were seven raffle winners this night.

The Oct 16th meeting had 25 members and guests. Eric Burke won the attendance prize, and the special drawing prize for juniors. Ray Tate requested that members help find a new show site for 1998. Miriam Gilmore gave the educational program on "Maximilian and Carlota". Items brought to this meeting were, a Japanese 1953 ten-yen coin, a 1910 Boy Scout token, a Zambia 1969 aardvark one cent coin, and a Republic of Liberia 1941 two cent coin featuring an elephant, a 1887 Morgan dollar with an alligator eye VAM 12 and a 1863 three cent fractional note. The Christmas party and gift exchange will be Dec 18th.

The Gateway Coin Club meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, at Shoney's Restaurant, at 7:00pm.

--Frank Galindo, Club President

DISTRICT VIII

Corpus Christi Coin club, (Club Newsletter)

At the Oct 21st meeting there were 8 members present. The members discussed the show on Oct 11-12 and agreed that it was a good show in spite of the rain. Special thanks went to Roy Davis and John Smolik. The CCCC is now offering a new WWW service to members called the ClubRing. This is a member network that allows CCCC members with Web access to connect with other members and exchange information in conjunction with Coin Universe.

The ClubRing home page is at <http://clubring.com>, and the Web address is <http://clubring.com/clubring.html?club=3658>

The Nov meeting had 8 members. David Burke gave the show report. The members discussed several ways to increase membership in the club.

The Corpus Christi Coin Club meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month, in the Sunrise Room of the Sunrise Mall, at 7:00pm.

--Martha & David Burke

DISTRICT IX

South Plains Coin Club, (Club Meeting Report Form)



The Christmas dinner was well attended by 85 members and guests. The dinner was catered by Danny's Hens & Fins. President Sharron Rice presented those members that gave programs during the year certificates of appreciation. Sharron was voted member of the year. Sharron then conducted the benefit auction assisted by Mac Tekell and Gary Satterwhite. The auction raised \$2,351.00 which was donated to "Meals On Wheels".



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South Plains Coin Club – \$2,351 donation to Meals on Wheels from charity auction. From left, Sharron Rice, club president, and Peggy Forgason, Meals on Wheels executive director.

The South Plains Coin Club meets the first Monday of each month, at 7:30pm.

--James Golden, Secretary; Lamonte Pitzer, District IX Governor

DISTRICT XI

Golden Spread Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)



At the Nov meeting the following items were discussed. The Dec meeting will be the Christmas party instead and will be Dec 7th at the Western Sizzlin Steak House. The officers for 1998 are: President - Pam Tipton, First Vice President - R L "Tommy" Tompkins, Second Vice President - O B Latimer, Secretary - Ken Horn, Treasurer - Paula White. The new president announced that the board meetings will be the 2nd Monday of each month. Homer Dotts is the bourse chairman for the 1998 show on August 8-9. Some of the items brought to the meeting include a rod from Africa, a beaded milk gourd, a hand carved ebony cane, a ring art piece identified as a dinosaur bone, a Turkey Track Agate in a belt buckle, an antique ring with a moss agate. The club sent money to the following organizations, the Empty Stocking Fund, United Fund, Salvation Army, & Hospice. The Raymond Bates Scholarship Fund at W&A&MU in Canyon received \$1,200.00. Redbooks were sent to five libraries in the area, and Com World subscriptions set up in two libraries in Amarillo & Canyon. There were 27 members present at this meeting.


The Dec 7th meeting had 51 members and guests present for the Christmas party. Dave Cervin entertained the group after dinner with a story and made balloon poodles for the Jr members, then everyone played bingo. Everyone had a good time!

The Golden Spread Coin Club meets the first Monday of each month, in the Presidents room of NationsBank in Amarillo, at 7:00pm.

--Nela Runkle, Editor

DISTRICT XIII

Wichita Falls-Red River Stamp & Coin club, (Club Newsletter)



The Nov meeting was on the third Thursday instead of the Fourth Thursday so the club may ensure that all assignments are made for the upcoming show. Connolly O'Brien, Jr is responsible for producing the show. The Texoma Stamp Club is in charge of the refreshments for the show. The show dates are Nov 22-23 at the MPEC Exhibit Hall.

The Dec newsletter was written from Florida. The Christmas dinner, and party will be Dec. 11th and the Texoma Stamp Club will join the club dinner. The dinner will be in Fellowship Hall of the Beverly Dr United Methodist Church. Connolly O'Brien is in charge of the dinner. The new officers will be installed at the Jan 22nd meeting.

The Wichita Falls-Red River Stamp & Coin club meets the 4th Thurs of each month at the Beverly Dr United Methodist Church, at 7:30pm.

--Raymond E. Whyborn, Secretary

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DISTRICT XV

Beaumont Coin Club, (My Two Bits)

The Dec meeting was held at the Red Lobster Restaurant. There were 21 members and guests at this Christmas event. The club had six new members join in 1997. The new slate of officers for 1998 are: Judy Matherne - President, George Fortune - Vice President, Art Larkin - Treasurer, and Bill Stein - Secretary. Bill Stein was presented the C L Babcock Award for outstanding member contributor in 1997. The Lifetime Achievement Award went to Ed White. The January program will be presented by Ed White and he will bring the refreshments for January. There is an interesting article on US Trade Dollars - Part One in this letter.

The Beaumont Coin Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Lower Neches Valley Authority Admin. Building, at 7:00pm

-- Bill Stein, Club Secretary

Greater Orange Coin Club, (The Double Eagle)

Eleven members gathered for the Nov meeting. The members nominated for 1998 officers are: President - Reed Marton, Vice President - Delton Anthony, Treasurer - Dewey Scott, Secretary - Shernian McGee. The show committee is working on the Spring show with quite a bit of interest from dealers because of the success of the last show. Jerry Williams gave the program on "The First U.S. Commemoratives". The Christmas dinner will be at Tuffy's.

The Greater Orange Coin Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Thomem Community Center in Orange, at 7:00pm

--Charles Cagle, Club Secretary



Greater Port Arthur Coin Club, (Dollars and Cents)

There were 18 members present at the Nov meeting. Betty Scott won a free dinner at Dorothy's Front Porch. Ricky Lanclos gave the program on "Space Memorabilia". Judy reported that the show made the club a profit. The nominating committee announced the 1998 nominees for club officers are: President - Ed White, Vice President - James McManus, Treasurer - Rick Lanclos, and Secretary - Ray Gannaway. The program awards committee will announce the winner for best program at the Christmas dinner. The Past President's award and the Brown award will be announced at the dinner.

Fifteen people showed up for the December meeting. The Jan meeting will be on Jan. 6th in Judge Borne's Court room. Judy Matherne and Jeannie Lanclos won free dinners. The award winners were Joseph Scott, L E Buss award, and Ray Gannaway, T G Brown award.

The Greater Port Arthur Coin Club meets on the 1st Thurs of each month at the Jefferson County Clinic in Port Arthur, at 7:00pm

--Ray Gannaway, Club Secretary

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